



## MINUTE

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING held MONDAY 13th March 2023, 7.00pm  
by Zoom**

**PRESENT:** John Lamb **(JL)**; N. Armstrong **(NA)**; George Cloughley **(GC)**; Kay Hall **(KH)**; H. Thomson **(HT)**; Richard Campbell-Doughty **(RD)**, Graeme Buckley **(GB)**;

**Councillors, Police, NAC Representative, Press Present;** Cllr Murdoch **(IM)**, Cllr E. Collier **(EC)**. PC Craig Brougham **(CB)**; Adam Lyons **(AL)**,

**APOLOGIES:** PS Mark Semple **(MS)**; Cllr Marshal **(TM)**; Cllr Hill **(AH)**. Ewan Grant **(EG)**; Douglas Penman **(DP)** Cllr Ferguson **(TF)**

**VISITORS:** Two visitors on line.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES:** The February minutes **(GC)** Approved **(KH)** Seconded.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer report is that the WKCC accounts are now up to date and there has been no expenditure in the last month.

### **POLICE SCOTLAND:**

PC Craig Brougham gave the following report on crime for the last month

The crime statistics from the 13<sup>th</sup> February to the 13<sup>th</sup> March were provided – **(50)** incidents were reported which resulted in **(6)** crime reports consisting of:**(1)** Housebreaking; **(2)** Fraud; **(2)** Vandalism; **(1)** RTA

### **CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS:**

#### **Surgery:**

This is ongoing. (JL) (GC)

Five of the WKCC members attended a meeting at the Surgery with Javid Gilani, Paul Kerr and Debbie Watson. A note of the points raised, would be forwarded to AMG as a record of the meeting.

The main points were the AMG Web site information required correction, the phone system

was still not working satisfactory, there will be a follow-up meeting in May hopefully with improvements, however concerns continue to be reported

**Dentist:** (JL) Walter Brown has retired at the end of the month He has secured the services of a dentist who will operate the practice for ONE day a week but will not be doing any NHS work, private work only, there will be no six-monthly NHS checks.

**NAC Local Place Plans: (GC/JL)** Local Place Plan (Noted and ongoing.) (GC) is concerned that the timescales for Local Place Plans is being compressed as there is no extension to the LDP timetable This was taken up with the Councillors present and it is ongoing but will now go ahead as NPF4 has now been approved by Scottish Government. There appeared to be some confusion regarding time scales and the desired outcome of involving communities which is a key part of the process.

**NAC Budget Update:**

The council rate rise will be 5%. This will include Domestic Rates, Licences, Planning, along with further savings that will be announced after discussion with staff.

**MAIL CHIMP: Community Council Mailing List. (GC)/(KH)-**

This is now in operation, to date we have 42 subscribers.

**NAC / AMEY Roads:**

Various road closures and restrictions which have been circulated to members. There has been no response from Amey regarding the flooding on the A78 south of the Waterside.

**Craft Town Scotland/West Kilbride Community Initiative Limited. (Stakeholders Meeting 23/03/23)**

The Chair has resigned and the Directors have called a Stakeholders meeting. WKCC has been invited to attend

**NAC Vacant and Derelict Land in N/A.**

There are only three areas identified by NAC for West Kilbride and Seamill. Two of which have either planned approval or work has already started. The third area is a steep slope adjacent to the path through the Kilbride Glen. There are no other areas within the village

that could be classified as Vacant or Derelict. The NAC definition of Vacant or Derelict Land is that it is greater than 0.1 hectare (1000m<sup>2</sup>) in size that have previously been developed but are now considered unused or damaged.

#### **Friends of Kirktonhall Glen: (KH)(TF)**

A pathway from Orchard Street circulating past the Pavilion and ending up at the Catlinn garden is being planned with concern for the natural environment. Funders are being sourced for the development of a synthetic pitch on the blaes area. See report from NCLP Meeting. FCC finding £46,000 has been secured by FOKG and NAC to improve the Kick About area by the swing park. Volunteers continue with drain clearance and maintenance of pathways. Streetscene to be contacted re hedge cutting. (EC) reported that NAC had received letters from regarding the cutting of the grass on the glen extension.

Thanks were expressed that NAC had finished the path from the Kings Car park to the ford bridge.

#### **Hunterston SSG:**

**Hunterston A:** Works are ongoing on decommissioning of the site, repairs to the roof of the reactor buildings are more severe that was first envisaged however the work will go ahead. I raised the point that the temporary weather barrier was only given a 7-year approval and to my knowledge this had not been renewed within that timescale. Hunterston A would investigate. The SSG is also concerned that Magnox and SEPA are discussing the reclassification of the ILW graphite from Bunkers 2-5 to allow near site disposal instead of encapsulation and removal to Deep Geological Disposal at a UK based site.

**Hunterston B:** Work is ongoing on the defueling of reactor 3 in 2022 they dispatched 72 spent fuel flasks to Sellafield and to date have sent 15 in 2023 in line with the flasking plan. There were no issues in the reporting period. Preparations are ongoing on the deconstruction activities which will commence when defueling is complete. The decommissioning strategy remains and will take approximately 11 years to complete. The low-level leak of non-radioactive oil from a transformer is ongoing and the source of the leak has still not been identified. SEPA are working closely with Hunterston B to try and identify the source.

**North Coast Locality Partnership Meeting;** The items of interest to West Kilbride CC were presented by David Hutchison and Kay Hall on behalf of WKSC the CIF request from West Kilbride Sports Club is to employ a Funding Consultant (£6750) to investigate the potential to raise £800K for development of a synthetic pitch on the current blaes area of the glen. And also, to identify funding to cover 30% of funds needed to complete the upgrading of two pathways in the Glen 70% has already been identified. This request would be passed to the NAC Cabinet for approval.

Kay Hall gave a presentation on the changes that were being requested to the Media Centre funding. The Course Co-ordinator and Admin Assistant would be upgraded posts for the next two years. This was approved as it was within the already existing allocation of funds for the overall project.

There was a report from the Head of Neighbourhood Services regarding Memorials and Plaques with alternative suggestions on what was now acceptable, other than plaques on benches.

Inspector Stewart gave a verbal report on Policing in the North Coast area. The Police based at Largs now have a number of Quad Bikes which will allow them more flexibility when dealing with crime or behaviour either in the countryside or on the beach, Largs Prom and particularly Portencross and south to Seamill.

(IM) added that the Mens Shed in Largs is designated as the North Coast Mens Shed and all North Coast residents are welcome.

**Persimmon Developments: (GC/JL)** No Change --The decision by the NAC Planning committee was on a split vote with the chairman, not only proposing the approval of the development, but having the casting vote, required the advice of NAC Legal department which they upheld.

There has bn no change since last month.

The Approval is subject to a number of conditions not least the agreeing and signing of a Section 75 Agreement. Until this is done the Application will not be updated on the NAC Website to the status of APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS.

#### **West Kilbride Community Trust. --- (NA)**

The applications for 2022 have been decided without the input by the Community Council and Grant cheques had been issued.. The latest information is that the WLCIL Chair has resigned and WKCC will now request the overall responsibility of the Trust to be returned to the CC.

**XLCC:** Will hold an information session in West Kilbride in early March, having already done a presentation in Largs and Fairlie. the planning decision will go to the planning committee on the 25<sup>th</sup> February for a decision.

#### **NAC BUSINESS:**

#### **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

**All councillors contributed to the overall discussions.**

**Cllr Collier (EC):** General constituency work but mostly budget negotiations.

**Cllr I. Murdoch (IM):** General constituency work but mostly budget negotiations. He shared his delight at the establishment of the Largs Men's Shed and reiterated that this was open to West Kilbride residents as well, as referred to in the NCLP report

## **NAC Planning Decisions since 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023:**

### Erection of 10 dwelling flats with associated amenity and parking

15 Ardrossan Road Seamill West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9LZRef. No: 23/00042/PP | Received: Fri 20 Jan 2023 | Validated: Tue 24 Jan 2023 | Status: **Approved No Conditions**

### Erection of extensions to lounge, terrace and balcony, store and garage with associated external alterations to driveway including new wall and sliding gate

23B Summerlea Road Seamill West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9HPRef. No: 23/00077/PP | Received: Wed 01 Feb 2023 | Validated: Fri 03 Feb 2023 | Status: **Approved No Conditions**

### Alterations and extension to an existing semi-detached dwelling including attic conversion with dormer to rear

7 Merlewood Road Seamill West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9HRRef. No: 23/00090/PP | Received: Fri 03 Feb 2023 | Validated: Fri 03 Feb 2023 | Status: **Approved No Conditions**

## **NAC Planning applications not yet decided**

Summerlea Road And West of Snowdon Terrace Seamill West Kilbride Ayrshire Ref. No:

21/01174/PPM | Received: Wed 01 Dec 2021 | Validated: Wed 08 Dec 2021 | Status: **Approved by NAC Planning Committee with Conditions, subject to section 75 agreement signature.**

### Approval of matters specified in conditions 1 - 6 of planning permission in principle ref. 19/00351/PPPM for the erection of 35 dwellinghouses and associated infrastructure works

Site To South Of 128-130 Meadowfoot Road West Kilbride Ayrshire Ref. No: 22/00703/MSCM | Received: Wed 14 Sep 2022 | Validated: Fri 30 Sep 2022 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

### Erection of extension to rear of detached dwelling house

21A Summerlea Road Seamill West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9HPRef. No: 23/00103/PP | Received: Tue 07 Feb 2023 | Validated: Wed 08 Feb 2023 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

### Erection of extension to rear of dwelling house

55A Ardrossan Road Seamill West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9NERef. No: 23/00101/PP | Received: Tue 07 Feb 2023 | Validated: Tue 14 Feb 2023 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

### Renewal of unexpired planning permission 19/00933/PP for erection of car showroom

57 - 59 Main Street West Kilbride Ayrshire Ref. No: 23/00121/PP | Received: Thu 16 Feb 2023 | Validated: Fri 17 Feb 2023 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

### Erection of 2 storey extension to side of semi-detached dwelling house

37 Hauplands Way West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9GBRef. No: 23/00116/PP | Received: Mon 13 Feb 2023 | Validated: Fri 17 Feb 2023 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

### Installation of reverse vending machine DRS (Deposit Return Scheme) Co-op 12 Ritchie Street West

Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9ALRef. No: 23/00139/PP | Received: Fri 24 Feb 2023 | Validated: Fri 24 Feb 2023 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

## **AOCB:**

### **Forthcoming Meetings;**

No external meetings in the next month.

**Meeting closed @8.50pm**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023 - 7.00pm by Zoom.**